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January 22, 2003 TELEPHONE (337) 237-1213 FACSIMILE (337) 232-3248

Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation Office of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Marginulina 1 Sand, Reservoir C,

Egan Field

Acadia Parish, Louisiana

Lour File No.: CON-OG-261

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of RLP GULF STATES, L.L.C. ("RLP"), for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Marginulina 1 Sand, Reservoir C, in the Egan Field, Acadia Parish, Louisiana; towit:

- 1. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Marginulina 1 Sand, Reservoir C, to be designated the Marg 1 RC SU A, as shown on the plat attached to the pre-application notice dated January 8, 2003;
- 2. To designate a unit operator for the proposed unit;
- 3. To designate a unit well at an exceptional location for the proposed unit, as shown on the plat attached to the pre-application notice dated January 8, 2003;
- 4. To provide that the reservoir may be reclassified by Supplemental Order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change;
- 5. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts and mineral leases or other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in the unit production on a surface acre basis of participation; and

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The Marginulina 1 Sand, Reservoir C, in the Egan Field, Acadia Parish, Louisiana is hereby defined as that oil and gas bearing sand encountered between the electrical log depths of 9,685 feet and 9,705 feet in the RLP – Regan No. D-1 Well, situated in the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

All pertinent data relating to the proposed unit may be obtained, **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY**, from Leon Comeaux, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505, Telephone No.: (337) 233-9839.

Inasmuch as no request for a conference has been timely received in connection with this matter, no conference will be held, and this application is being filed without the holding of a pre-application conference in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. Also, inasmuch as the unit proposal made by this application does not differ from the proposal set forth in the pre-application notice dated January 8, 2003, no additional plat is attached hereto.

Enclosed herewith to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager is a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties. We also enclose herewith our check in the amount of \$700.00, in payment of the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

PLAUCHE & HARTLEY

S. W. Plauche, III

SWP/lb Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager

Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

